

Senate File 340 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 340
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 124)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the notification of a county commission of
2 veteran affairs of the incarceration of a veteran at a jail
3 or municipal holding facility.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 356.6A, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The personnel of a jail or municipal holding facility
4 shall inquire whether the prisoner is a veteran, and if
5 so, shall inform the prisoner, within twenty-four hours
6 of incarceration, that the prisoner may be entitled to a
7 visit from a veteran service officer to determine if veteran
8 services are required or available. The personnel of a jail or
9 municipal holding facility shall attempt to notify the county
10 commission of veteran affairs of the county where the jail or
11 facility is located of the incarceration of a veteran within
12 twenty-four hours of the veteran's incarceration. Notice may
13 be communicated by a telephonically recorded message or by the
14 transmission of an electronic mail message. Within seventy-two
15 hours of ~~determining a prisoner is a veteran~~ incarceration,
16 the personnel of a jail or municipal holding facility shall
17 provide the prisoner with the contact information for the
18 county commission of veteran affairs of the county where the
19 jail or facility is located, and the prisoner shall be allowed
20 to contact the county commission of veteran affairs to request
21 a visit from a veteran service officer.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill provides that a county commission be notified of
26 the incarceration of a veteran at a jail or municipal holding
27 facility.

28 Code section 356.6A(1) currently provides that the personnel
29 of a jail or municipal holding facility shall inquire whether a
30 prisoner is a veteran and, if so, shall inform the prisoner,
31 within 24 hours of the veteran's incarceration, that the
32 prisoner may be entitled to a visit from a veteran service
33 officer to determine if veteran services are required or
34 available. The personnel of a jail or municipal holding
35 facility must also provide the prisoner, within 72 hours of the

1 veteran's incarceration, with the contact information for the
2 county commission of veteran affairs of the county where the
3 jail or facility is located, and the prisoner shall be allowed
4 to contact the county commission of veteran affairs to request
5 a visit from a veteran service officer.

6 The bill provides that, within 24 hours of the veteran's
7 incarceration, personnel of the jail or municipal holding
8 facility shall attempt to notify the county commission of
9 veteran affairs of the county where the jail or facility
10 is located of the incarceration of a veteran. Notice may
11 be communicated by a telephonically recorded message or by
12 transmission of an electronic mail message. A veteran is
13 defined as a person who was a member of the regular component
14 of the armed forces of the United States, national guard, or
15 reserves.